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BURSARIES BUILD SCIENCE SKILLS FOR NORTHERN STUDENTS

PRINCE GEORGE – The Province will fund five bursaries so that northern students can build their science skills at Science Alliance summer camps, Education Minister Shirley Bond announced today.

“Students achieve more when they really connect with their lessons and when they love what they learn,” said Bond. “These bursaries will give northern students hands-on experience with science at an exciting summer camp, an experience that will last a lifetime.”

Through the Science Alliance, the Province will provide five \$200 bursaries for deserving students to attend one-week summer science camps in July and August at the Exploration Place Science Centre and Museum.

“Science Alliance is about learning, but it’s also about fun,” said Tracy Calogheros, executive director at the Exploration Place. “We believe that the best way to learn is by doing, and when you are doing something that you enjoy, the learning becomes second nature.”

With practical lessons on forestry, fisheries, mining, robotics, engineering and chemistry, this year’s Science Alliance camps are looking at the science behind life and work in Prince George and the North. Science Alliance’s nine- to 12-year-old participants often return as junior volunteer leaders, and those volunteers can, upon entering university, become Science Alliance instructors, sparking the minds of a new generation as their own minds were sparked a decade before.

The Science Alliance is a not-for-profit, student-driven organization offering science, engineering and technology programs for youth. Through the Exploration Place, the Alliance teaches camps for 1,000 school-age children each year, and reaches out to over 10,000 young minds through community events such as the Canadian Northern Children’s Festival.

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